

Dear parent/carer

As always at this time of year we begin to think about inclement weather and in particular the snow. Given the current weather forecast, plummeting temperatures and our recent 'water' issues, I am writing to outline the arrangements should there be heavy snow fall.

During poor weather we want to ensure first and foremost that children, their families and staff travel to school safely. We must also ensure that we are able to keep children safe while they are in school.

School will always try to stay open in poor weather and staff are committed to ensuring they provide good learning experiences for your child, even when the weather is dreadful. As well as trudging through the snow to get here!

If school closes it will be for one of the following reasons:

- The school site is inaccessible/unsafe
- School is unable to provide hot meals
- There is an issue with the heating/water
- We do not have the correct adult to pupil ratios
- We do not have first aiders
- We have no staff with identified responsibility for Safeguarding

As a guideline if buses stop running it is likely that school would be closed

If the decision is taken to close school you will be notified by text no later than 7.30am. Parents will also receive an Xpressions notification. Please ensure your school have your up to date contact details. The school website will also be updated. As always please make use of social media to spread the word.

If you do not hear by 7.30am please assume that school is open. Please then decide if it is safe to travel to school with your child. Sometimes we may open later to allow for safe travel for staff and children; if this is the case this will be detailed in the text message. If there is a decision then to close the school and not open late parents will be notified by 9am.

If there is snow during the day whilst the children are at school, we will **not** send any child home alone. In extreme circumstances we may text to ask that you come to school to pick your child up. It is imperative that you collect your child as soon as possible; this enables us to send staff home safely and avoids us asking for a B&B!

Please avoid ringing school to check if we are open as the phone lines need to stay clear for emergencies. But do ring and leave a message if you are unable to come to school that day because of dangerous travel.

Above all as the weather deteriorates we want families to be safe.

Many thanks

Mrs Lynnette Glossop - Headteacher

